

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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California has experienced major earthquakes in the past and is likely to do so again in the future. As long as we continue to have hundreds of earthquake faults throughout the State, we are at risk. We must therefore be prepared to defend ourselves.

At approximately 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2009, more than five million Californians will be participating in the largest earthquake preparedness drill in the United States. Participants will be instructed to "Drop, Cover and Hold On" in response to a simulated earthquake.

This drill is known as "The Great California ShakeOut." Its purpose is to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes and to be prepared for major earthquakes whether it be at work, school, or home. On this day, Los Angeles County departments, agencies and commissions will exercise their emergency preparedness plans and discuss how to make improvements to their plans.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors declare October 15, 2009 as "The Great California Shake Out" day in Los Angeles County, and instruct all County departments, agencies, and commissions to participate in exercising their emergency preparedness plans, and encourage all residents to develop and exercise earthquake preparedness procedures.

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